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## Reagan Plans No New Arms Shipments To Iran; Aides Play Down Shultz Rift

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WASHINGTON—President Reagan said he has "absolutely no plans" to send any more arms to Iran.

The president made his latest statement on the issue to reporters as his aides worked to dispel speculation that Secretary of State George Shultz may resign over the Iranian issue. Mr. Shultz made remarks on television Sunday that distanced himself from the Iran arms policy.

"When you read (the transcript of Mr. Shultz's remarks) in total, he supports the policy in general," insisted White House spokesman Larry Speakes.

Some White House aides complained privately that Mr. Shultz's remarks were ill-considered at a time when the administration is trying to cool the simmering Iran arms controversy. The president's statement, however, bolstered the secretary of state's position.

Mr. Shultz, asked on CBS's "Face the Nation" Sunday if he opposed the administration's decision to provide arms to Iran, said, "You can argue for it, you can argue against it." He added: "My own information about the operational aspects of what was going on was fragmentary at best."

Asked during the television interview whether there would be any more arms shipments to Iran, Mr. Shultz said: "Under the circumstances of Iran's war with Iraq, its pursuit of terrorism, its association with those holding our hostages, I would certainly say, as far as I'm concerned, no."

But asked if he had the authority to speak for the entire administration, he simply replied, "No." And he declined to confirm or deny that he had discussed with Mr. Reagan the possibility that he would resign over the issue.

Yesterday, Mr. Speakes said, "The president does want Secretary Shultz to remain on the job." And Mr. Reagan later said, when asked if he were firing Mr. Shultz, "I'm not firing anybody."

Mr. Speakes said that the U.S. arms embargo against Iran still is in effect, and that the administration still is urging other nations to refuse to ship arms to that na-

tion, which remains on a U.S. list of countries fostering terrorism.

Mr. Shultz was caught in an embarrassing bind by recent revelations that the U.S. secretly shipped spare parts for weapons to Iran at the same time that the secretary of state was urging Arab countries and others to refuse to send any arms to that country.

Mr. Reagan insisted during a televised speech Thursday that the arms shipments weren't in exchange for the release of U.S. hostages in Lebanon. But Mr. Speakes confirmed yesterday that the secret Jan. 17 presidential directive that allowed Mr. Reagan to lift the arms embargo from time to time and allow the material to be sent to Iran, stated that its aim was to establish relations with Iran, end the Iran-Iraq war and terrorism, and effect a return of the hostages.

While asserting that the administration doesn't intend to ship further arms to Iran, Mr. Speakes said the directive legally remains in effect.

Last night, in remarks after a speech in Chicago, Mr. Shultz reiterated his concerns about the administration's arms shipments to Iran. "It's a mistake for governments to get into the business of trading something of genuine importance for hostages," he said. "All you're doing is encouraging the taking of more hostages."

President Reagan argued last week that his secret overtures to Iran were designed to build a relationship with moderate elements in that country. Mr. Shultz last night, while opposing arms shipments to Iran, acknowledged that secret diplomacy sometimes is necessary. Referring to the administration's diplomatic probes involving Iran, he said: "You can't do that unless you can do it quietly, privately, may I say, secretly. It's too explosive."

But he added that such secret diplomacy deprives the government of checks and balances, and of expertise that could help it fashion its policies.

Mr. Reagan yesterday said he expects to talk further about the Iranian issue at a news conference scheduled for tomorrow night.